
House Bill 835

Date: February 18, 2020
Committee: Economic Matters Committee
Bill Title: Labor and Employment - Incentive Programs for Hiring and Retraining - List
Re: **Letter of Support**

House Bill 835 requires that the Maryland Department of Labor (Department) maintain and post a list of federal and state programs that incentivize employers to hire formerly incarcerated individuals on the main page of the Department's website.

The Department currently supports the hiring of formerly incarcerated individuals through diverse programs, including the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, management of correctional education, and apprenticeships. Many of these programs are already listed on various pages of the Department's website. As such, House Bill 835 can be implemented with existing resources.

Businesses and formerly incarcerated individuals will benefit from a centralized link on the main page of the Department's website. **For this reason, the Department respectfully requests a favorable report from the Committee on House Bill 835.**